


The Chosen, Season 1, Episode 6

Fall 2020 Connect to Christ Discipling Community Focus



Episode 6: Indescribable Compassion

"If God did something that you felt contradicted the Torah, would you tell Him to get back in that box you have carved for Him, or would you question your interpretation of the Torah?" (Nicodemus)

The CHOSEN 

THE LIFE, THE SPIRIT, THE TRUTH OF JESUS
This October & November in
various Discipling Communities

We continue the Fall 2020 Discipling Community focus of *Connect to Christ* as we reconnect with the life of Christ by viewing and discussing Season 1 of *The Chosen*. *The Chosen* is a multi-season journey through the life of Christ. It has been created from a synoptic perspective instead of focusing on one particular gospel account. Beyond just the facts, we hope that Discipling Communities rediscover (or discover for the first time) the life, culture, heart, and actions of the gospel stories and allow the spirit and truth of the life of Jesus to help us take next steps in being, growing, and making biblical, loving, Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus.

Accessing the Video Content

The best way to view *The Chosen* is to download the app for your particular smart device. Search *The Chosen* in your app store. Open up the app and all the episodes are available there. Then, stream the episode from your smartphone to your TV using your technology of choice. There are lots of options and instructions within the app to get you going. Episodes are also available on YouTube (with ads), or you could order a DVD or Blu-ray set from the app. We aren't providing definitive steps because of the many combinations of devices & TVs. If you need help, and no one in the Discipling Community is tech savvy, please let us know.

Discussion Questions

Here are 2 options to facilitate discussion related to Episode 6. These questions are intentionally generic. Feel free to adapt them based on the makeup of the Discipling Community (considering age, stage of life, spiritual maturity, etc.) and how the Spirit leads the discussion. Our hope is that the Spirit shapes/leads the discussion with the group discovering/learning/applying what is appropriate for the group without us specifying a specific outcome or application.

Option 1:

- What surprises you about this episode? What do you find interesting?
- What intrigues you? What questions do you have about the events portrayed in this episode?
- What do we discover about God?
- What do we discover about Jesus?
- What do we discover about people?
- How are we challenged by the content of this episode?
- What application can we take away and apply to life today?
- Who can you share this story/truth with?

Option 2:

- What stood out to you in this episode?
- Was there anything confusing or troubling? Why?
- Did anything make you think differently about God?
- How might this change the way you view the story of Jesus/the Gospel and the way you live?

For more on asking good questions, check out the *DC Skills - Asking Great Questions* resource available at FACToccoa.com/dcresources.

Episode 6 Supplementals

Group Sharing:

- In this episode we see Jesus express incredible compassion across a wide spectrum of society. We see some of the characters challenged by that incredible compassion. Invite someone to share their Jesus story. Ask them to include some moments when compassion was shown to them and how it impacted their faith journey. *(It's ok to ask someone ahead of time.)*

Scriptures that are part of Episode 6:

Matthew 8:1-4

Luke 12:36-48

Matthew 6:1-18

Luke 18:1-14

Mark 2:1-12

Characters we See in Episode 6:

Jesus

Simon

James

Roman Soldiers

Mary

Andrew

John

kids

Magdalene

Tamar

The Paralytic

Nicodemus

The Leper

Crowds

Supplemental Questions (as needed):

1. **Compassion** was a huge theme within this episode. How did Jesus teach about compassion? How did He show compassion? Why do you think compassion was so much a part of what Jesus did? Is compassion an easy thing for you to show to others, especially those who might not “deserve” it? Who are the people that society says don’t deserve dignity? Who are the people that we, as Christians, sometimes have a hard time showing dignity to? Who are the tax collectors, Roman soldiers, lepers in our society?
2. One of the sub-plots was concerning the healing of the Leper. Leprosy was a major disease of the time that made a person no longer worthy of dignity, love, or community. Some of that was because it was scary and unknown. Are there instances in our society today that cause a person to no longer have dignity? How do you think Jesus would treat them? How could us showing compassion (like Jesus) change the situation? What would that look like?
3. **Faith** is a big part of this episode. For some that faith is *searching*. We see Nicodemus challenged in faith. We see the developing faith of Matthew. For others, that faith that is *bold*. The Leper not only received compassion from Jesus, but expressed bold faith in seeking out and approaching Jesus. Tamar exercised bold faith in helping the Paralytic get to Jesus. Where are you in faith? Are you searching, bold, or somewhere in between? If searching, what is your next step? If in between, what is holding you back from that kind of bold faith? If bold, how are you exercising your faith?
4. Early in the episode, Nicodemus says, *“If God did something that you felt contradicted the Torah, would you tell him to get back in that box you have carved for him, or would you question your interpretation of the Torah?”* Why do we tend to put God in a box? What are the “boxes” that you find yourself putting God into? Why do you have those boxes? Are we open to God moving in fresh and new ways (methods, etc.) through faith-filled Spirit-empowered people?